

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fourth Essex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Fourth Essex Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (320) of these admissions reside in the Fourth Essex Representative District. 6% (20) of admissions from the Fourth Essex Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Fourth Essex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 68% were male and 32% were female.
- 47% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 89% were white non-Latino, 3% were black non-Latino, 3% were Latino, and 4% were other racial categories.
- 66% were never married, 14% were married, and 20% reported not to be married now.
- 21% had less than high school education, 43% completed high school, and 37% had more than high school education.
- 45% were employed.
- 6% were homeless.
- 35% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fourth Essex Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	61%	18%	10%	1%	1%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b>							
<b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used FY 1995 – FY 2003</b>							
<b>Fourth Essex Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	278	226	83	44	24	42	30
<b>FY '96</b>	262	228	93	47	25	42	29
<b>FY '97</b>	299	247	108	61	40	62	41
<b>FY '98</b>	334	265	97	57	27	86	68
<b>FY '99</b>	259	209	82	53	26	64	60
<b>FY '00</b>	342	282	105	67	23	79	56
<b>FY '01</b>	300	258	93	54	21	58	38
<b>FY '02</b>	375	289	113	76	23	109	87
<b>FY '03</b>	320	252	95	54	13	59	48